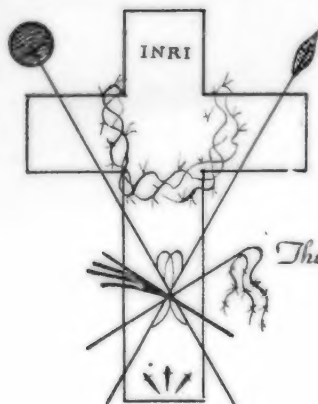


Dedication

ANTONIUS PAVILION INTENSIVE CARE UNIT RECOVERY ROOM

February 1, 1961



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ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

These dedicatory exercises mark still another step in the steady evolution of St. Michael's Hospital into a major urban center for healing and research. The new facilities dedicated today - the Antonius Pavilion for cardiac patients, an Intensive Care Unit, a new Recovery Room - are inspiring symbols of St. Michael's policy of affording the community the proven best developments in modern medical science.

Dedicated staff members under the leadership of Dr. Nicholas A. Antonius, our Medical Director and Director of the Department of Cardiology, inaugurated our Cardiovascular Center in 1950. In the intervening decade it has become one of the leading Cardiovascular Centers in the East, outranking most community hospitals in this field and pioneering advanced techniques usually associated with University hospitals. In the ten years since its inception 30,000 patients have been treated at our Cardiovascular Center. Eight hundred have successfully undergone surgery, including many cases employing the open heart technique. An average of 400 patients are treated monthly. In addition, the Center developed the first graduate teaching program in cardiovascular diseases in New Jersey. Over 3,500 doctors from every corner of the State have enrolled in these courses and received actual bedside instruction at St. Michael's in diagnostic and therapeutic procedures in the treatment of cardiac cases. To Dr. Antonius, for his dedication and zeal in the advancement of cardiac research and treatment at St. Michael's, goes much of the credit for our Cardiovascular Center. It is fitting, therefore that this Cardiac Pavilion should be called the "Antonius Pavilion".

The Intensive Care Unit will be devoted to the constant surveillance and treatment of critically ill patients. Manned by superbly skilled nurses, it is equipped with an arsenal of life-saving facilities, including piped oxygen and suction, oxygen tents, respirators, resuscitators and the most modern emergency drugs.

The adjacent Recovery Room is especially designated for the close and constant surveillance of post-surgical patients. It provides the best in facilities and personnel to assure the high degree of care that must be given such patients until they have emerged from anesthesia.

These three new additions will contribute much in the years to come to the community's health. From this will come the greatest gratification for us at St. Michael's.